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DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

PROVISIONAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

(Finalized by default on MWAYMOV 13 2015

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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, as has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

- 2. On or about August 7, 2013, a consent order was filed by the Board requiring respondent to enroll in and participate in the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey (PAP).

 Previously, respondent had been enrolled in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), the Board's designated intervention program, but when asked by RAMP to enter into a five year recovery and monitoring agreement, respondent declined to enter into that agreement, and instead began participation in PAP. (Exhibit A)
- 3. In a communication dated March 16, 2015, the Board was advised by the Executive Director of PAP that respondent had ceased participation in PAP since May of 2014, without the authorization of PAP. (Exhibit B)
- 4. The 2013 consent order provided that respondent's nursing license was subject to automatic suspension upon receipt of reliable information indicating that respondent had violated any term of the order. (Exhibit A)
- 5. On or about May 15, 2015, a communication was sent to respondent by overnight and regular mail at her address of record, on behalf of the Board, advising respondent that the Board had been informed by PAP that she had ceased participation in the PAP program. Respondent was advised that the consent

order that she signed provided for automatic suspension of her nursing license for noncompliance with the terms of the order. She was further advised to forward any proofs of compliance with the terms of the consent order within five (5) business days. The overnight mailing was delivered on May 18, 2015. (Exhibit C) The regular mailing of the communication was not returned. No response has been received to date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms of the consent order and failure to participate in the PAP program constitutes a violation of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this Hth day of August, 2015, ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in this matter:

- 1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended for a minimum period of two years, commencing with the filing of a Final Order of Discipline in this matter. At the end of two years, respondent may petition the Board to appear before the Board or a committee thereof and demonstrate that she is fit and competent to resume the practice of nursing.
- 2. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30^{th} day following entry hereof unless

Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

- a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Leslie Burgos-Bonilla, State Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.
- c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.
- 3. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.
- 4. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon

review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

5. In the event that the Board receives no written submission from Respondent within 30 days following filing of this Provisional Order of Discipline, without further Board review, the Provisional Order of Discipline shall automatically become the Final Order of Discipline. The box for Final Order of Discipline shall be checked, the Final Order of Discipline shall be filed, and copies shall be mailed to Respondent. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

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Board President